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# SOME PROPERTIES OF REMOVABLE SINGULAR SETS OF SUBHARMONIC FUNCTIONS

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to show some properties of  $\overline{S}, \underline{S}$  - singular removable sets to subharmonic functions.

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In the theory of subharmonic functions the expression of Blaschke [1]

$$\frac{\mathfrak{M}_u(x^0, r) - u(x^0)}{\frac{2}{n} \delta r^2}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}_u(x^0, r)$  denotes the integral mean of a given

function  $u$  on the sphere with radius  $r$  and center  $x^0$ , plays an analogous role to that of the expression

$$\frac{u(x-h) - 2u(x) + u(x+h)}{h^2}$$

for convex functions. For instance, in order that an upper semi-continuous function  $u: D \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty)$ , should be subharmonic in domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 2$ , it is necessary

and sufficient that the upper limit of (1) as  $r \rightarrow 0$  should be non-negative at any point  $x^0$  in  $D$  [2]. The same theorem [3] holds for the operator introduced by Privalov

$$\frac{\mathfrak{N}_u(x^0, r) - u(x^0)}{\frac{2}{n+2} \delta r^2}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathfrak{N}_u(x^0, r)$  denotes the integral mean of  $u$

over the ball with radius  $r$  and center  $x^0$ . S.Saks [4] proved

that for any subharmonic function  $u$  the limits (1) and (2), as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , exist, and are equal, almost everywhere. This may be considered as an extension of the known fact that any convex function has almost everywhere the second generalised derivative of Schwarz (second symmetrical derivative). I.Privalov showed that the condition of subharmonicity can be weakened. He got more deeper result with exceptional set  $E$  [5]. Pokrovskii [7] showed that the well-known Blaschke-Privalov local condition for a subharmonic function  $u(x)$  in a domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , in terms of ball means,

can be replaced on some subsets of  $D$  by another a priori more weak local conditions of the same type. In [8] we defined the singular sets  $\overline{S}, \underline{S}$  and proved the generalisation of Privalov's theorem.

The purpose of this paper is to show some properties of  $\overline{S}, \underline{S}$  - singular removable sets to subharmonic functions.

Note that, subharmonic function is summable, i.e.  $u(x) \in L^1_{loc}(D)$  and its Laplace operator  $\Delta u \geq 0$  in

the generalisation sense. Now we give the construction of the upper and the lower generalised Laplace operators [6].

Let  $u(x)$  be an upper semi-continuous function in a do-

main  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u(x) \not\equiv -\infty$ . We define

$$\mathfrak{M}(x^0, r) = \frac{1}{r^{n-1} \sigma_n} \int_{S(x^0, r)} u(x) d\sigma \text{ as the mean } u \text{ over}$$

the sphere  $S(x^0, r)$ . If  $u(x)$  nonsummable on the

$S(x^0, r)$  we put  $\mathfrak{M}_u(x^0, r) := -\infty$ . For the point

$x^0 \in D \setminus u_{-\infty}$ , where

$u_{-\infty} := \{x \in D : u(x) = -\infty\}$ , we define upper

$\overline{\Delta}u(x^0)$  and lower  $\underline{\Delta}u(x^0)$  generalised Laplace operators of a function  $u$  at the point  $x^0$ , constructed by the mean over the areas of spheres with following equalities:

$$\overline{\Delta}u(x^0) := 2n \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \frac{\mathfrak{M}_u(x^0, r) - u(x^0)}{r^2}, \quad (3)$$

$$\underline{\Delta}u(x^0) := 2n \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \frac{\mathfrak{M}_u(x^0, r) - u(x^0)}{r^2}. \quad (4)$$

**Remark.** This kind of construction can also be implemented by the mean of a function  $u$  on the ball with a center at the point  $x^0$  and a radius  $r$ .

Note, that the generalised Laplace operators  $\overline{\Delta}u(x)$  and  $\underline{\Delta}u(x)$  can equal to  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$ . For example, a

function  $u(z)$  of a complex variable  $z = x + iy$ , defined as follows,

$$u(z) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{|x|}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } z = 0 \\ -\infty, & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y \neq 0 \end{cases},$$

is upper semi-continuous in

$$\mathbb{C}, \mathfrak{M}_u(0, r) = -\infty \quad \forall r > 0,$$

$$\overline{\Delta}u(0) = 4 \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \frac{-\infty - 0}{r^2} = -\infty.$$

Extra properties of generalised Laplace operators can be found in [3,6,8].

**Theorem (Blaschke-Privalov)** [6]. If the function  $u(x)$ ,  $u(x) \not\equiv -\infty$ , is upper semi-continuous in the

domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  holds following inequality

$$\overline{\Delta}u(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x^0 \in D \setminus u_{-\infty}$$

then  $u(x)$  is subharmonic in  $D$ .

I.Privalov got more deeper result with exceptional set  $E$

. Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed set.

**Theorem (Privalov)** [5]. If the function  $u(x)$ ,  $u(x) \not\equiv -\infty$ , is upper semi-continuous in the

domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and holds the following conditions

$$\overline{\Delta}u(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x^0 \in [D \setminus u_{-\infty}] \setminus E, \text{mes} E = 0;$$

$$\overline{\Delta}u(x) > -\infty \quad \forall x^0 \in E \text{ except a polar set}$$

$$P \subset E,$$

then the function  $u(x)$  is subharmonic in  $D$ .

**Corollary.** If the function  $u(x) \in C(D)$  holds fol-

lowing conditions

$$\underline{\Delta}u(x) \leq 0 \leq \overline{\Delta}u(x), \forall x^0 \in [D \setminus u_{-\infty}] \setminus E, \text{mes} E = 0$$

$$\overline{\Delta}u(x) > -\infty, \underline{\Delta}u(x) < +\infty \quad \forall x^0 \in E \text{ except a polar set } P \subset E,$$

then the function  $u(x)$  is harmonic in  $D$ .

**Definition.** An arbitrary set  $E$  is called  $\underline{S}$  (singular), if there exists

$$\nu(x) \in sh(\mathbb{R}^n): \underline{\Delta}\nu(x)|_E = +\infty.$$

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Some properties of *singular sets*:

$\underline{S}$  - set is a  $\overline{S}$  - set, i.e.  $\underline{S}$  - sets  $\subset \overline{S}$  - sets.

Countable union of singular  $\underline{S}$  - sets is singular  $\underline{S}$  - set.

Finite union of  $\overline{S}$  - sets is singular  $\overline{S}$  - set.

Following theorem is the generalisation of Privalov theorem [5] in terms of singular sets defined above.

**Theorem [8].** Let a function  $u(x)$ ,  $u(x) \not\equiv -\infty$ , is

upper semi-continuous in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\overline{\Delta}u \geq 0$  in  $[D \setminus u_{-\infty}] \setminus E$ . Then

a) if  $E \in \underline{S}$  and  $\overline{\Delta}u > -\infty$  on  $E$ , excluding a po-

lar set  $P \subset E \Rightarrow u(x) \in sh(D)$ .

b) if  $E \in \overline{S}$  and  $\underline{\Delta}u > -\infty$  on  $E$ , excluding a polar set  $P \subset E \Rightarrow u(x) \in sh(D)$ .

Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a closed set. The following theorem that connects  $\underline{S}$  - set with a Lebesgue measure holds

**Theorem.**  $E \in \underline{S} \Leftrightarrow \text{mes} E = 0$ .

For an arbitrary set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  the following theorem is true.

**Theorem.**  $E \in \overline{S} \Rightarrow \overset{\circ}{E} = \emptyset$ .

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